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## INTEREST IN MINING CIRCLES BECOMING LIVELIER EVERY DAY.

Everything Now Indicates the Recognition of Old Crittenden as the Richest Fluor Spar, Lead and Zinc District in the World and soon to More than Double All former Outputs.

Fluor Spar news is becoming more plentiful. The lecture we read out in these columns last week has had effect. Certain Fluor Spar operators now show a willingness to talk, and divide with other mortals, news which is peculiarly their own and interesting mainly to them and their stockholders.

Some of the most conservative men, who habitually work in the dark, and never say a word for publication, now deign to say "hello" to the Editor. In a few weeks time we hope to have something to say in these columns that will be of paramount interest to our readers and it will be furnished by these tight-lipped words too.

The thirteenth annual session of the American Mining Congress opened Monday of this week in Los Angeles, Cal. This annual congress during these thirteen years has accumulated such a large amount of mining literature and mining information that it has been found wise to establish a permanent headquarters. Such headquarters is at Denver Col. A letter addressed there to the Secretary by any of the mining operators of this district will bring much valuable information for the asking.

This mining congress is responsible almost entirely for the action of the United States establishing a Bureau of Mines. President Taft appointed a head for the Bureau the other day. This mining congress is also responsible almost entirely for the action of the legislatures of some of the states in passing laws looking to the safeguarding of mines and mine workers.

Very few people realize that 65 per cent of all the traffic handled by the railroads of this country originates in its mines. There are two million miners in the United States and the value of their production is one thousand five hundred million dollars annually. A part of that is fluor spar.

James Persons of this place reports that he has an option on some property in Carrsville Ky., and that on the bank of the Ohio river there has been opened up a vein of zinc. This vein shows up splendidly within three feet of the surface and the mineral is very coarse grained and would be very easily separated. There is no fluor spar in it which eliminates one of the hard problems of zinc mining in this district. We understand that Mr. Persons is now away interesting foreign capital in this zinc proposition.

Mr. White, the new Gen. Mgr. of the Commodore Mining Company, has been running drifts at the lower level and is now ready to stoop. General Master of Transportation, Jno. W. Wilson was requested to put on six extra teams. They are shipping two hundred tons this week.

Messrs. James Persons, Geo.

Roberts and George Gray obtained a lease on the property of Mr. Ben Belt on his farm about two miles from the Corn Mines. Mr. Persons superintended some prospect work and came to Marion in a few days and reported to his partners that he had uncovered a sixteen foot vein of gravel and lump Fluor Spar. Mr. Persons added that it was fine too. George Gray said never a word but promptly filled his pipe again and pulled at it very vigorously. George Roberts emitted a harsh gritty laugh and said "Jim what are you giving us?" Jim says "By ginger you can believe it or not just as you please, it is like I tell you." Of course George Roberts went the next day to see it. "It is seventeen feet wide" said George. George Gray and the others too are being congratulated by their many friends over their find. Development work on this lease will be started at the earliest possible moment and pushed right on with vigor. This mine ought to pay from the jump.

Mr. Calvin Clark who is running one of the Fair View Fluor Spar and Lead Company's mines was here last week looking for mine workers.

The Keystone Mines have commenced to sink their shaft to the 250 foot level.

Mr. C. E. Ratcliffe, manager of the Franklin Mining Company has only a few more feet to sink his shaft when he will crosscut to the vein.

Captain T. H. B. Haase, manager of the Blue Grass Fluor Spar Company is sinking his new shaft deeper. He has three shafts in operation and is taking out fluor spar from each. This is the mine that the late Governor Johnston of Minnesota was interested in. A great many St. Paul people own stock in this mine and have hung on in spite of the depression in spar of two years ago. Now that the price has more than doubled these people will congratulate themselves and push the output of this mine to the limit.

Mr. Arch Oliver Manager of the Kentucky and Indiana Mining Company needs water and needs it bad. With plenty of water he could wash up the large pile of spar he has out and ship it at good prices. He has been puzzling his brain how he can pump water from the property of the American Mining Company's shaft and pump it on over to his own property. Oliver will solve the problem. He is a good mining man.

Mr. William Lowery, Superintendent of the Pope Mining mines, is what Colonel District of Columbia Roberts would call versatile. He owns and operates a Hennyery, is President, General Manager and Secretary of a Glove factory, is owner and

foreman of a large farm, dotes on and raises large clouds of bees, is an expert stock breeder and as stated at the first is General Superintendent and Manager of mines of the Pope Mining Company of Louisville. Mr. Lowery states that they are all doing well.

Mr. Bibby, of the Birmingham Fluor Spar and Lead Company operating the Wheatcroft lease, is now busily engaged in washing their big dump of fluor spar and shipping the spar at Mexico Kentucky.

Mr. Milton Yandell Superintendent of the Yandell mine has started a new shaft at that place.

Rosi-Clair and Fair View, Illinois are just across the Ohio river from Carrsville Kentucky. The mines at Rosi-Clair are owned by John R. McLean proprietor of the Cincinnati Enquirer and the mines at Fair View by Mr. Mulholland of New York City. These mines employ about 350 men daily in the Fluor Spar industry. They are on quite a boom just at present due to the tariff and the general prosperity of the country. The Fair View mines have a rail road to the river and there put the cars on a track barge which goes to the incline at Golconda, Ill. The Rosi-Clair mines ship by barge to Shawneetown and Joppla, Illinois.

Speaking of the Illinois side of the river recalls to our mind the fact that the difference on freight to northern and eastern points, especially, between this side of the river and the other side was for years \$1.00 per ton. Added to all the other woes of the Fluor Spar producer those on this side of the Ohio river were obliged to have a mill stone of \$1.00 per ton around their necks in the way of extra freight charges. Rosi-Clair and Fair View could cut our prices \$1.00 per ton and still make the same profit. This state of affairs remained for years and not until recently has any relief been afforded. The difference in rate is now only twenty cents. Since Congress has enlarged the powers of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and that Commission has commenced to get busy there has been an awakening of dry bones in rail road circles. Mr. C. S. Nunn President of the Kentucky Fluor Spar Company deserves more of the honor, than any other one man, for the readjustment of rail road rates and an equalizing of the tariffs in this Illinois-Kentucky district. Mr. Nunn has been on the job early and late for years. In time this small difference of twenty cents per ton will be wiped out.

Mr. W. Murray Sanders as announced in our last issue went to Chicago and from there drifted over to New York City. Mr. Sanders has interests in Utah and interests in Kentucky but we verily believe the interests that are more near his heart than any other are in New York. Now anybody that wants to make a guess on this is at liberty to do so. We will not guarantee that he will furnish any information on the subject. Dropping this subject and reverting to mining we will state that our information is that the

LaRue Mine owned by Mr. Sanders and some New York parties and operated by Mr. Saunders is showing some of the finest zinc ever shown in this district. The shaft has been sunk 160 feet deep. The mine is well equipped with two new boilers, air compressor and everything that goes to make a first class mine. They have just enough water and not too much. This is a little remarkable as there is a creek close.

The Evangelist Mineral man Mr. Geo. Cramer has a few ideas in the process of incubation that will make the south end of this county sit up and take notice if he succeeds in carrying them out. He now proposes to organize a Company or to get his own Company to put in the necessary money to pump out the old Tabb shaft. This shaft was dug twenty years ago by Millionaire Brown of Pittsburg and his nephew Will Ward. Fluor spar did not interest them. They were after silver and silver they got but at a great depth the water got so strong that the workmen in the shaft only escaped with their lives by the swiftest climbing. The mine filled to the top. Ward went to Pittsburg and returned with powerful pumps but they never could make an impression on the water and had to abandon the mine. Ward always said he struck an underground ocean. Since that time the science of pumping water has improved to such an extent that we believe powerful Cameron pumps and huge boilers will empty the Tabb mines. The effort of Bro. Cramer will be watched with much interest in mineral circles.

Mr. Sam Gugenheim, one of the original stockholders in the Marion Mineral Company, one of the promoters of the Mary Belle and other properties; has spent a great deal of money lately in fixing up his handsome brick residence on Main Street. This is one of the finest residences in Marion and added thereto he has placed a new porch and balcony. He has also added some of the finest concrete walks in Marion. The work on these walks was of the best and then the contractor stated that in all his experience he never had better material. They are almost snow white. A new concrete fence surrounds the property. It has always been supposed that Mr. Gugenheim made some good money when he sold out of the Marion Mineral Company. Whether or not this has any connection with the activity noticed around Mr. Gugenheim's residence of late we are not advised.

We note with more than passing interest that Dr J. N. Clemens of Carrsville, has leased some of his property to Carrsville for \$10,000.00 to some eastern millionaires. The vein was found at the waters edge when the river was low. This zinc is exceedingly rich. Several years ago the Ohio Valley Mining Company composed of some Marion and several Owensboro people obtained a lease on the property of Mr. Alonzo Babb about one quarter of a mile from Carrsville. They spent quite a sum of money in trying to develop this property but in all their work they were not fortunate enough to strike the true vein. They were continually

## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

To Be Held At Presbyterian Church Wednesday Afternoon Oct. 5th, 4 P. M.

### PROGRAM

Wednesday Afternoon 4 o'clock.  
Devotional service—Rev. C. N. Wharton, Morganfield.  
Greeting—Mrs. R. I. Nunn, Marion.  
Response—Mrs. B. G. Witt, Henderson.  
Reports of officers of the Union.  
Adjournment.  
Wednesday 7:30 P. M.  
Address: "Africa"—Rev. J. O. Reavis, D. D.  
Thursday 9:00 A. M.  
Devotional service—Rev. Thos. Cummins, D. D.  
Roll call and Reports of Local Societies.  
Report on Future Work—Discussion.  
Address: "Mid-China"—Miss Emma Boardman.  
Appointment of Committees.  
Adjournment.  
Thursday 1:30 P. M.  
Devotional service—Rev. W. H. Burwell, Ph. D.  
Reports of Committees.  
Round Table Discussion.  
Mondry.  
A. R. Hughes a prominent farmer of Repton was in Marion Monday.  
(a) Those Other Women—How Shall We Reach Them—Mrs. William Marshall, Henderson.  
(b) Junior Bands—Mrs. W. H. Burwell.  
(c) Children's Band—Mrs. C. N. Wharton.  
Music.  
Benediction.  
Officers of the Union.  
President—Mrs. C. N. Wharton, Morganfield.  
First V-President—Mrs. Geo. A. Prentice, Morganfield.  
Second V-President—Miss Stella Woods, Marion.  
Third V-President—Mrs. William Marshall, Henderson.  
Fourth V-President—Mrs. B. G. Witt, Henderson.  
Treasurer Miss Mary Chambers, Morganfield.  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. M. L. Giron, Morganfield.  
Foreign Cor. Secretary—Mrs. L. V. Shaw, Paducah, Ky.  
Home Cor. Secretary—Mrs. J. K. Hill, Fulton.

### Sign Up! Sign Up!!

Mr. Wm. Elliott of Henderson announces that the Books of the Stemming District will positively be closed at midnight Friday night. Tomorrow night. Every one should take heed to this last notice.

Mr. T. A. Harpending our worthy correspondent from New Salem was in Marion Saturday

working in offshoots of the main vein and got out quite a considerable amount of mineral. The mineral was zinc and of high value. The location was in direct line with the showing on the waters edge which was in direct line with the works across the river. There is no question but what the veins of Rosi-Clair and Fair View cross the river at Carrsville.

## LETTERS FROM POST MASTER GENERAL

That Will Prove of Interest And Value To Many Along Poorly Kept Routes

The Postmaster, Marion, Ky., Sir:—It is the desire of the Department that you earnestly request patrons of rural delivery routes out of your office to paint their boxes and the posts to which they are attached, a pure White color. This course, if pursued, will not only result in benefit to the patron in serving to protect his box and post from damage by the weather, but will give all boxes a uniform color and serve to fix their identity in all parts of the country as United States mail boxes, and will give them a much neater and sightlier appearance than they now possess. It is also desired that patrons be induced to imprint their names and box numbers on boxes in black block letters about two inches high. Posts to which boxes should be attached shall be set in an easily accessible position at the side of the road and boxes securely fastened to a projecting arm of wood; or to a bracket of band iron about three-sixteenths of an inch thick, or, if preferred, an automatic extension arm may be used.  
Respectfully,  
P. V. McGRAW,  
Fourth Assistant P. M. Gen.

The Postmaster, Marion, Ky., Sir:—As a result of general and special letters sent out by the Department, and the co-operation of Postmasters and Carriers, there has been a great improvement in the highways on which rural routes are established. There are, however, many localities where road conditions are bad and improvements imperative. You are directed to inform yourself with reference to the condition of roads and bridges on the rural routes out of your office, and if you find that they require improvement you should present the matter in the strongest and most positive way to the patrons and road officials, informing them that improvements must be made as soon as practicable. If, after a reasonable time has elapsed, the improvements have not been made or started, you will report the fact to this office in order that action may be taken looking to the discontinuance of the service. The Department is not immediately concerned in elaborate road improvements; but in the interest of the best service to the largest number of patrons it must insist upon roads being kept in good repair, the lack of which is usually due to improper drainage, and unsuitable grading and surface work, which can be easily and cheaply accomplished by timely work and the regular use of the split-log drag or other similar device.  
Respectfully,  
P. V. McGRAW,  
Fourth Assistant P. M. General.

Mr. H. V. Stone acted in the capacity of Manager for McConnell & Nunn while they were at market last week and looked so much at home that the people were tempted to believe he had moved in again.